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SUBJECT: US-EC BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON STANDARDS CODE

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1. FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN KELLY AND SCHLOSSER PLUS
A COMMENT FROM GUNDELACH PASSED TO MTN DEL BY ABBOTT
HAVE RESULTED IN FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS OF PLANS FOR
SUBJECT MEETING, WHICH EC STRONGLY PREFERS TO DESCRIBE
AS "DISCUSSIONS", RATHER THAN "CONSULTATIONS".

(A) DRAFT AGENDA REFORMULATED AS REPORTED PARA. 2
BELOW. THIS REVISION WORKED OUT JOINTLY BETWEEN KELLY
AND SCHLOSSER. SCHLOSSER EXPECTS NO PROBLEM FROM HIS
SUPERIORS. INTENT OF REFORMULATION, SUGGESTED BY
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SCHLOSSER, IS TO HAVE AGENDA ENCOMPASS MAJOR ISSUES

POSED BY CODE, INCLUDING THOSE ON WHICH THERE IS ALREADY AGREEMENT (OR SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT) BETWEEN U.S. AND EC, AS WELL AS AREAS WHERE IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES REMAIN; BOTH KELLY AND SCHLOSSER CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE OF DISCUSSIONS AVOID IMPRESSION THAT THE DRAFT CODE IS IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTY BY CONCENTRATING ONLY ON PROBLEM AREAS SINCE, IN FACT, AN IMPORTANT DEGREE OF AGREEMENT ON MANY ISSUES ALREADY EXISTS.

(B) PARTICIPATION. GUNDELACH REPORTEDLY REACTED ADVERSELY TO SUGGESTION THAT U.S. DEL MIGHT INCLUDE CONGRESSMEN AND INSTRUCTED SCHLOSSER TO ADVISE KELLY (WHICH HE DID) THAT GUNDELACH HAD OVERRULED SCHLOSSER'S EARLIER STATEMENT THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM FOR EC (REFTEL PARA 6). ABBOTT MADE SAME POINT TO CULBERT IN RATHER FORCEFUL TERMS, COMMENTING THAT CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION WOULD GREATLY COMPLICATE AND PORBABLY PRECLUDE COMMISSION ABILITY TO MEET QUIETLY WITH U.S. WITHOUT PRESENCE OR EVEN KNOWLEDGE OF MEMBER STATES. GUNDELACH INTENDS TO CONFINE EC SIDE TO FOUR OFFICIALS AND HOPES U.S. SIDE WILL BE OF SIMILAR SIZE.

(C) SITE AND TIMING. KELLY HAS PROPOSED MARCH 26 AND INDICATED THAT U.S. CAN PROBABLY ACCEPT EC REQUEST THAT MEETING TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS. SCHLOSSER HOPES TO CONFIRM DATE SOONEST.

2. REVISED DRAFT AGENDA IS AS FOLLOWS:

I. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

A. NATIONAL TREATMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS.

B. CONDITIONAL MFN

C. RETROACTIVITY

D. DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES -- GENERALLY AND SELECTIVELY. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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E. KEY COUNTRIES

II. PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. NOTIFICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS ON PROPOSED STANDARDS

B. FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE

C. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

D. SANCTIONS

I. CONFINED TO CODE

II. EXTENDING TO GATT PROVISIONS

III. PRESENTATIONAL ISSUES - DEFINITION

IV. RECIPROCITY/BALANCE

V. MANAGEMENT

A. TIMETABLE FOR SUB-GROUP

B. AGRICULTURAL REVIEW - WHEN AND HOW.
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